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Re: New U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. To be assigned; Filed: Herewith
For: **Recovering Metals from Soil**
Inventors: Chaney *et al.*
Our Ref: 1797.0090005/RWE/KKV

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. U.S. Utility Patent Application entitled:

Recovering Metals from Soil

and naming as inventors:

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a specification containing:

- (i) 30 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - (ii) 7 pages of claims (47 claims);
 - (iii) a one (1) page abstract;
- 2. USPTO Utility Patent Application Transmittal Form PTO/SB/05;
 - 3. 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time (*in duplicate*); and
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Respectfully submitted,

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	First Inventor or Application Identifier	Rufus L. Chaney
	Title	Recovering Metals from Soil
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 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
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6. ☐ Microfiche Computer Program *(Appendix)*
7. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission *(if applicable, all necessary)*
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